

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality for the withdrawal of ground water in Williamsburg, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: February 16, 2008 to March 17, 2008

PERMIT NAME: Ground Water Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: U.S. Home Corporation; 6600 Wiltshire Road, Williamsburg, Virginia 23188; GW0052700

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Deer Lake Estates; located off Jolly Pond Rd. (Rt. 611) between Cranstons Mill Pond Rd. (Rt. 632) and Centerville Rd. (Rt. 614), formerly part of the Peninsula Boy Scout Reservation, James City County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: U.S. Home Corporation, a division of Lennar Virginia Land, has applied for a new permit for the Deer Lake Estates development in James City County, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 16,336 gallons per day. The ground water withdrawal will provide water for human consumption (public water supply) and landscape irrigation for the new development. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Chickahominy-Piney Point aquifer at a depth between 187 feet to 245 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which ground water is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit. The permit will be issued to James City Service Authority who will be the owner and operator of the system. Section 19-57 of James City County's Subdivision Ordinance provides that all major subdivisions located outside the Primary Service Area will have a public water system constructed by the developer and upon completion that the water system shall be dedicated to the James City Service Authority for operation and maintenance.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must be in writing; contain a brief statement on how the proposal affects the person commenting, other users or the aquifer; and be received by DEQ during the comment period. The public also may request a public hearing. If a public hearing is requested, the written comments should include the reason for holding a hearing and related factual concerns. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named below.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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